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DHS Releases CARES Act Funding Totals for April and May

(Des Moines, Iowa) – On May 8, 2020, the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) released its [COVID-19 Childcare Sustainability Plan](#) to help licensed centers and registered homes to remain open or, if temporarily closed, reopen through a variety of funding strategies. The four key strategies include:

- A basic monthly stipend of \$2,000 for licensed centers and \$500 for registered homes;
- An add-on to the basic monthly stipend of \$2,000 for licensed centers and \$500 for registered homes for those providing essential employees a 25% discount;
- Rejuvenation grants of \$1500 for licensed centers and \$600 for registered homes to help currently closed providers reopen; and
- Reimbursing providers for Child Care Assistance (CCA) family co-pays.

DHS received \$31,899,093 in additional childcare funding from the federal CARES Act. The total amount expended on these four strategies as of June 1, 2020, is \$5,859,905.50. Tables 1-4, below, provide further information on the number of providers receiving funding under each strategy and the total funding amount issued as of June 9, 2020.

Table 1. Basic Monthly Stipend*

	Centers	Homes	Total
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 367 programs • \$734,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,441 programs • \$720,500.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,808 programs • \$1,454,000.00
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 437 programs • \$874,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,428 programs • \$714,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,865 programs • \$1,588,000.00
		Total	\$3,042,000.00

*Payments are being processed so there may be some minor adjustments.

Table 2. Essential Employee Add-On*

	Centers	Homes	Total
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 167 programs • \$334,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 886 programs • \$443,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,053 programs • \$777,000.00
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 209 programs • \$418,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 910 programs • \$455,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,119 programs • \$ 873,000.00
		Total	\$ 1,650,000.00

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Table 3. Rejuvenation Grants

Centers	Homes	Total
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 175 programs • \$262,500.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 141 programs • \$84,600.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 316 programs • \$347,100.00
	Total	\$347,100.00

Table 4. CCA Co-pay Reimbursement

	Centers	Homes	Non-Registered	Total
Billing Periods - April 6 and 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 422 programs • \$228,371.70 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 940 programs • \$155,258.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 programs • \$2756.80 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,393 programs • \$386,386.50
Billing Periods – May 4 and May 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 481 programs • \$262,201.90 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 966 programs • \$169,814.20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 programs • \$2,402.90 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,477 programs • \$434,419.00
			Total	\$820,805.50

Providers who wish to receive the monthly stipend must complete the monthly stipend survey. Each month’s monthly stipend survey will close on the last day of the month. After each survey has closed, DHS staff will review responses to verify final eligibility for both the basic monthly stipend and the essential employees add-on. Providers should receive funds approximately the middle of the following month. Below are the anticipated payment dates for the monthly stipends:

- June 22, 2020, for the April and May stipend
- July 22, 2020, for the June stipend
- August 24, 2020, for the July stipend

If a provider believes they were eligible but have not received funds by the dates above, their program should contact their local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R).

You can find more information, including FAQs [here](#).

“Child care is an integral service in the community and vital to supporting Iowa’s workforce. The dedicated partnership and collaboration with child care providers during this unprecedented time has been inspiring,” said Julie Allison, the bureau chief of child care.

You can find more information on child care during the COVID-19 pandemic [here](#).

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